



MESSENGER LAB FAQ

Why do we have a Messenger Lab?

Dr. Stanley believes that salvation is available to everyone (John 3:16) and that we're called to take this good news to the ends of the earth (Matthew 28:19). These beliefs are at the core of In Touch Ministries' mission "to lead people worldwide into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and to strengthen the local church." That's why, for over 40 years, we've been using modern communication technologies (from radio and television to the internet) to share the message of salvation with the world.

However, there are still people in our world who can't be reached by these media streams. That's why we created the Messenger Lab: to develop innovative technological solutions tailored to specific regions and language groups. We often partner with pastors and suitable organizations to distribute Messenger devices so that we can better serve local churches in those areas.

Why so many different devices?

Simply put, one size doesn't fit all. Every region we are trying to reach has a different set of obstacles to overcome. That's why each Messenger Lab device has a unique set of features and purposes. By evaluating each region based on its people's needs, we can determine which device will serve them best.

For example, in areas with limited access to electricity, solar-powered devices like the original Messenger work best. In some areas, many people have smartphones, so we give them Micros (SD cards) or LightStreams to load Messenger content to their phones.

When traveling to some areas, it can be a challenge to carry large numbers of Bibles through customs. That's when the Key (USB device) proves useful. Keys are small and portable but can hold a significant amount of information and relevant content.

Some places have strong local church communities but limited access to educational resources. In special cases, we can provide the pastor with a Slate (a device that is not available for wider distribution). Slates help local pastors study God's Word and grow in their faith as they lead others.

And those are just a few examples of the diverse situations in which the Messenger Lab has provided creative ministry solutions!

What kind of content is stored on each device?

The material on any given device depends on the availability of content in the target language. However, Dr. Stanley's most beloved messages plus the books of Psalms and Proverbs are almost always included, and Slates usually contain the Life Principles training curriculum and other study tools for pastors.

Into how many languages has Messenger Lab content been translated?

Currently, we have content available in 88 languages, but check back often, because there are always more being added! We're always working on about ten new languages at a time.

How many devices have been distributed?

More than 708,000 of them so far!

What are the next steps for the Messenger Lab?

We're always working on developing content in new languages. 2016 saw the completion of devices in the Uai-Uai, Quechua, and Romané languages, and more are underway. We're also working to distribute the latest Messenger Lab device, the Torch. Some follow-up trips to places we've previously visited are also in the planning stages.

How can I get involved with the Messenger Lab?

The Messenger Lab relies on the prayers and gifts of our partners—for we know God works in mighty ways when we faithfully pray and obey His leading. Visit our Messenger page to read stories from the field, and praise God for the spreading of the gospel that has already taken place.

If you have more questions, please email messenger@intouch.org or call 1-800-789-1473. Sign up for our newsletter at intouch.org/subscribe to stay up to date on the latest Messenger Lab developments.



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